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C O N F I D E N T I A L BELIZE 0435

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OPPOSITION GIVES QUALIFIED SUPPORT TO GOB INDEPENDENCE
EFFORTS

1. GOVERNOR MCENTEE TOOK ME ASIDE IN COURSE OF JULY 2 DINNER,
STATING THAT THERE HAD BEEN AN IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENT AFFECTING THE
GOB STANCE IN THE UPCOMING UK-GUATEMALA TALKS ON BELIZE, NAMELY,
THAT OPPOSITION PARTY (UDP) LEADERS DEAN LINDO AND PHILIP GOLDSON
HAD AGREED TO BE PART OF GOB OFFICIAL REPRESENTATION AT TALKS.
GOVERNOR CONCEDED THAT THERE REMAINS A DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN GOB
AND OPPOSITION IN REGARD TO TIMING OF INDEPENDENCE BUT THAT SINCE
UDP STILL FAVORS EVENTUAL INDEPENDENCE IT HAD AGREED TO CONSIDER
QUESTION OF TIMING A SUBORDINATE ISSUE AND TO INDICATE ITS SOLI-
DARITY WITH GOB IN ITS PURSUIT OF COMMON GOAL OF INDEPENDENCE.

2. PREMIER PRICE, IN COURSE OF CONVERSATION AT AIRPORT BEFORE
TAKING OFF FOR WASHINGTON ALSO EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS

DEVELOPMENT. HE SAID FOLLOWING WERE SPECIFIC POINTS OF AGREEMENT
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REACHED:

1. INDEPENDENCE FOR BELIZE (WITH QUESTION OF TIMING TO BE RE-
SOLVED LATER)

2. TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY (PREMIER MADE IT CLEAR THIS MEANT NO
CESSION OF TERRITORY)

3. TOTAL REJECTION OF GUATEMALAN CLAIM

4. SUPPORT FOR THE 1975 AND 1976 U. N. RESOLUTIONS ON BELIZE

3. COMMENT: TEMPORARY SHELIVING OF UDP/GOB DISAGREEMENT RE TIMING OF INDEPENDENCE UNDENIABLY AFFORDS SOME COSMETIC IMPROVEMENT TO GOB POSITION DURING UPCOMING TALKS; HOWEVER, THE ISSUE REMAINS CRUCIAL BECAUSE THE UDP STILL INTENDS TO INSIST ON A REFERENDUM BEFORE INDEPENDENCE PROCESS GETS UNDERWAY AND IS STILL PLANNING A MAJOR -DEMONSTRATION ON JULY 10 TO UNDERSCORE THIS DEMAND. THE UDP'S "TIMING" ISSUE DOES NOT REFER TO ANY QUANTITATIVE PASSAGE OF TIME. THE UDP DOES NOT WANT INDEPENDENCE UNDER EVEN THE MOST FAVORABLE CIRCUMSTANCES UNTIL THE UDP IS IN CONTROL OF THE GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE.

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